

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 542
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to commend Sonia Lynn Jennings for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Lynn Jennings is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representatives Jere Hargrove, Charles Curtiss and Dennis Ferguson and the House Commerce Committee; Sonia's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jennings graduated from Watertown High School with highest honors in 2002 and was a member of 4-H, President of her Junior class, Treasurer of the Beta Club, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, the Drama Club and was Parliamentarian of the Spanish Club; she was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, served on the Junior-Senior Prom Committee, served as an Usher during her Junior year, was the 2001 Homecoming Queen, Lettered in basketball and softball, was the recipient of the Sue Talley Memorial Scholarship, and was selected for four senior superlatives; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Sonia has achieved academic success while majoring in Psychology and Criminal Justice and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Student Ambassador 2005-06, Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychology, MTSU Psychology Club and Golden Key International Honour Society; she has a four-year academic service scholarship; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Sonia brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, as an intern, Sonia Jennings has been diligent in providing the office with the "Word of the Day" and has been extremely proficient in handling a multitude of constituent issues with grace and serenity; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Ms. Jennings has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she was voted "Best All Around Intern" by her peers in the 2005 Intern Class; and

WHEREAS, Sonia has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Sonia Lynn Jennings for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representatives Jere Hargrove, Charles Curtiss and Dennis Ferguson and the House Commerce Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.